

REMARKS

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph stating that “there is insufficient antecedent basis” for “the list” recited in claims 11, 21, and 26. The Examiner further stated that the disclosure of the invention does not “talk about a list.”

The “list” previously recited in independent claims 11, 21, and 26 was not intended as a structural limitation but rather was used as a typical claim drafting technique to associate the multiple types of connections. Applicants have amended claims 11, 21, and 26 to associate the multiple types of connections using a different claim drafting technique. The amendments to claims 11, 21, and 26 have not narrowed the scope of these claims, because the amendments have merely change the form and not the substance of these claims. Support for the language used in the amendments may be found at least on page 6, lines 19-25, of the present specification.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 11, 21, and 26 satisfy all requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Conclusion

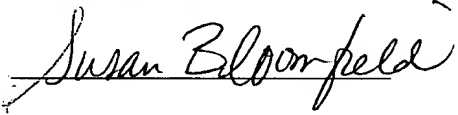
In view of the above amendment, Applicant believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. The required RCE fee for this response is dealt with in the Accompanying Transmittals. If any additional fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 20001670-4 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the below listed attorney if the Examiner believes that the attorney can help in resolving any remaining issues or can otherwise be helpful in expediting prosecution of the present application.

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